(b) 15848 Tamil refugees from India have returned to Sri Lanka since the signing of the Agreement of July 29, 1987.

(c) Near normal conditions have been established in the North and operations to ensure a safe environment in the East are continuing.

Abid Hussain committee recommendations rejected by the CSIR Society

2396. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) Society in their meeting has decided to reject the recommendations of the Abid Hussain Committee for transfer of certain CSIR Laboratories to their user departments in the Government; and

(b) if so, what strategy Government is adopting for adoption of the scientific research that was approved by CSIR to the industries, especially, small scale industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Science Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (SACPM) had suggested a revised organisational structure for CSIR for ensuring greater involvement of user Government Departments in the identification of R&D programmes, project management, funding of the concerned Laboratories/Institutes for proper coordination and accountability. In view of these sturctural changes, which would further strengthen the linkage of the Laboratories/Institutes with user Ministries/Departments, the CSIR Society has not considered it necessary to transfer these Laboratories/Institutes to user Government Departments.

(b) CSIR is concentrating its resources to direct its R&D on specific thrust areas and sponsored research programmes of significance to its potential users. Presently a major portion of the know-how generated by CSIR is of value to the samll scale industries.

Hybrid conventional nuclear submarines from Canada for Pakistan

2397. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan Government are negotiating for a hybrid conventional nuclear submarines from a Canadian Company; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Government have seen reports to this effect.

(b) According to the information available with the Government, the Canadian Government have clarified that they have not cleared the sale of any nuclear-powered submarine to Pakistan.

Chinese Combat aircraft for Pakistan

2398. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China is supplying 220 Chinese combat aircraft to Pakistan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and what steps Government propose to take to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Government is aware that Pakistan is proposing to acquire F-7M aircraft from China. Pakistan also has plans to manufacture modified F-7 aircraft as part of a joint venture

with USA and China. Government maintains a constant watch on the acquisition of military equipment by neighbouring countries that have a bearing on our security. Pakistan's proposed acquisition of new fighter aircraft has been taken into account in planning our defence measures.

Chinese 200 MIG-21 type combat aircraft for Pak

2399. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of recent newspaper reports regarding the supply of 200 MIG-21 type combat aircrafts to Pakistan by China by the end of March, 1988;

(b) whether it is a fact that Pakistan is also acquiring CC-404 aircraft engines from the United States which will be fitted in the Chinese built aircrafts; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Government is aware that Pakistan is proposing to acquire F-7M aircraft from China. Pakistan also has plans to manufacture modified F-7 aircraft as part of a joint venture with USA and China.

(b) There is no information with the Government about Pakistan's decision to acquire CE-404 engines from the USA for Chinese built aircraft.

(c) Government maintains a constant watch on the acquisition of military equipment by neighbouring countries that have a bearing on our security. Pakistan's proposed acquisition of new fighter aircraft has been taken into account in planning our defence measures.

British Sea eagle for Indian Airforce

2400. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the IAF has ordered British made Sea Eagle anti-ship missiles for a special squadron of Jaguar Fighter-bombers; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof indicating the cost and specifications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It would not be in the public interest to disclose further details in this regard.

Diplomatic status of ANC mission in Delhi

2401. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal confirming full diplomatic status to the African National Congress Mission in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Government have not considered granting diplomatic recognition to the African National Congress. Government, however continue to extend all possible political, moral and material support to the African National Congress.